

RIVER BOAT BURNED.

Four People Lost Their Lives in the Flames.

The Steamboat Was the Property of George W. Phillips and the Loss on Vessel and Cargo Will Reach \$20,000.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 26.—The steamer Sun, employed in the Memphis and Fulton trade, burned to the water's edge at an early hour Wednesday morning and four lives were lost. The fire was discovered at 4:10 a. m. and spread with such rapidity that the department responded to the alarm. When the Sun arrived in port Tuesday night from Fulton she had considerable freight on board and a full list of passengers. All of the latter left the steamer immediately with the exception of about a dozen, who decided to spend the night on the boat. These were Mr. and Mrs. Timbs and baby, Mrs. Timbs' sister, Miss Josie Hammers, and Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Rainey. It was nearly midnight when the boat tied up. Miss Hammers was sleeping with her sister and the baby in a state room and when she was awakened by the smoke she aroused her sister and started towards an exit.

Her sister, however, went back for the baby and before she could return the hurricane deck gave way and all escapes were cut off. Miss Hammers was able to escape without injury. Mr. Timbs was in another state room and until the collapse of the roof came, tried by every means to reach his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Rainey had a state room, and although it was thought that all the passengers on the boat had been aroused, nothing was ever heard from them until their charred remains were discovered. When the first body was taken out there was some doubt as to who it was, but Mr. Timbs identified it as his wife by a ring worn on her finger. The body was horribly burned. The body of the baby has not been found, and while some are of the opinion that it fell in the river, it is generally thought that it lies among the ruins in the hull. All the bodies were turned over to an undertaker and will be held until relatives can be heard from.

The steamer Sun was the property of George W. Phillips, who was its captain, and John Brenner, who acted as clerk. The loss to steamer and cargo will probably reach \$20,000, partially insured.

SECRETARY LESLIE M. SHAW.

The Iowa Governor Will Succeed Secretary Lyman J. Gage.

Washington, Dec. 26.—It was announced Wednesday evening that Gov. Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, would be appointed secretary of the treasury to succeed Secretary Lyman J. Gage. There will be no change in the office of secretary of agriculture, Secretary Wilson also continuing to retain that portfolio. The date of transfer of the treasury department will depend on the mutual conveniences of the outgoing and incoming secretary, Mr. Gage having signified an entire willingness to remain at the head of his department until such time as it may be agreeable to his successor to take hold. It is supposed, however, that Gov. Shaw will be inducted into his new office some time in January. It has been known for two or three days that Gov. Shaw was slated for appointment to succeed Secretary Gage, but it was not until Wednesday that the Iowa executive accepted the tender made to him.

A MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

A Conflagration Raging at Progress, Mex.—Warehouses Burned.

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—Word reaches here from Merida, Yucatan, that a great fire has been raging at Progress, starting in the warehouses of Eschano Bros., and spreading to the warehouse of Gabriel Escalante and the consignment department of the Merida railway. Some ten thousand bales of henequin were exposed to the flames and it is believed much of it has been destroyed. The loss is estimated at a million dollars.

Cotton Oil Mill Burned.

Florence, S. C., Dec. 26.—The cotton oil mill plant owned by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., with 600 tons of cotton seed and products and four freight cars of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, were burned Wednesday night. The value of the mill plant is estimated at \$40,000 and the value of stock on hand at \$40,000.

The Training Ship Prairie.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The navy department received a telegram Wednesday announcing that the training ship Prairie would leave Thompsonville at daylight for Hampton Roads, whence she will proceed direct to the port of Spain, on Trinidad island, just off the north coast of Venezuela.

Emperor's Christmas Bounty.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Emperor William, while walking in the environs of Potsdam, tossed several three and four mark pieces to the poor looking persons whom he passed. The emperor's Christmas bounty is never limited, but this year he has doubled his usual subscriptions to charitable funds.

Shot and Killed Wife.

New York, Dec. 26.—John Bell, a carpenter, shot and killed his wife in the kitchen of his home in Brooklyn. He then hunted up a policeman and confessed his crime.

A RACE SKIRMISH.

Revolvers, Clubs and Other Missiles Used in a Harlem Riot.

New York, Dec. 26.—A race skirmish between whites and blacks in Harlem Wednesday developed serious proportions and kept the police busy for a time. The Negroes, 100 strong, were armed with revolvers and clubs, while equally as many whites used stones as weapons. The Negroes had the advantage but were driven back into their tenements by the police after they had charged on the whites with pistols and razors. Fifteen Negroes were arrested. Four whites, including a policeman, were badly shot or cut.

The rioting began when some white boys stoned two colored girls, whereupon a dozen Negroes seized the white boys and beat them. The boys, when released, told their story to white men in the vicinity and an organized attack was made on the Negroes, who were driven back to their tenements under a shower of stones. The confusion increased when the white men began to bombard the tenements with stones and other missiles, and the Negroes fired from their windows into the crowd. The whites, surprised by the shooting, and seeing men fall, wounded, turned and ran, followed by the Negroes, who used knives and clubs freely.

At this point a squad of policemen arrived on the scene and, with drawn clubs, stopped the rioting, chasing the Negroes into their houses.

AMERICAN NAVAL OFFICERS.

Banquet Given to Those of the United States Fleet Now at Havana.

Havana, Dec. 26.—A banquet was given to the officers of the United States fleet Wednesday by the Cuban veterans. It was a grand demonstration of gratitude on the part of the Cubans toward the American navy. Gen. Carlos Garcia presided. Gov. Gen. Wood, in proposing a toast to the future republic, said that when the fleet came again it would find a stable government in Cuba. Mr. Adm. Higginson thanked the Cubans for their grand outpouring of hospitality, and said the presence of the fleet had no special significance and, certainly, no political one. It was a source of satisfaction to him, he declared, that the navy had been an important factor in bringing about peace in the island.

Capt. McCalla paid a high tribute to Gen. Garcia, who had co-operated with him at Santiago, and to the Cubans for their courage and fortitude during the war.

A FATAL BLAZE.

One Child Burned to Death and Parents and Two Children Injured.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—One child was burned to death, its parents were seriously injured and two other young children were slightly injured in a fire at the home of James H. Connelly, on Wyalusing avenue Wednesday night. After the flames had been extinguished the charred body of Mary Connelly, 4 years old, was found in a second-story room. It is not yet known whether the parents will recover from their injuries.

WERE CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Mother and Child Killed By a Train Near Ellicott City, Md.

Baltimore, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Lucy M. Brass and her 4-year-old daughter were killed Wednesday night by being run over by a Baltimore & Ohio train near Ellicott City. It appears that the child had wandered unobserved onto the railroad track just before the train came by. The mother rushed forward to snatch the little girl out of the way, but both were crushed to death.

QUARREL OVER A LAND SALE.

Three Negroes Shot and Killed in a Fight Near Wilmet, Ark.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.—Three Negroes were killed near Wilmet Tuesday as the result of a quarrel over a land sale. Martin Davis and Jeff Davis, cousins, engaged in a fatal duel. James Thompson, a friend of one of the dead men, was subsequently shot and killed by Arthur Davis, father of Martin Davis. Arthur Davis is in jail.

An Irish Land Bill.

London, Dec. 26.—The Daily News gives it as a rumor that the government is preparing an Irish land bill providing an equivalent to compulsory purchase. It is believed that the measure provides that the tenant may buy at 17 and the landlord sell at 20 years' purchase, the state providing the payment of the three years' difference.

Found Dead in the Laboratory.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—James A. Todd, manager of the Towle Manufacturing Co., silversmiths at 149-153 State street, was found dead in the laboratory of the store Tuesday. He had locked himself in the laboratory after having drawn a tube from a gas jet through the keyhole.

Succumbed to Pneumonia.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Dunlap Smith, a leading financier and real estate dealer of this city, died Wednesday of pneumonia. He was the youngest son of Perry H. Smith, who was one of Chicago's wealthiest citizens during 70's and 80's.

The Elks' Christmas Dinners.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 26.—The Order of Elks, following a custom originated here, Wednesday gave a Christmas dinner at which 800 persons were fed and expended about \$2,000 in Christmas charities.

A PROTOCOL SIGNED.

Trouble Between Chili and Argentine Ended for the Present.

Argentina Will Have Two Warships of 8,000 Tons Constructed in Italy to Be Ready By the End of 1902.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 26.—(Via Galveston.)—The new protocol between Chili and Argentina has been signed. The newspapers say the new protocol between Chili and Argentina dispels the immediate danger of war, but that the remedy is not permanent.

The armies of the two countries are, meanwhile continuing their warlike preparations. Chili has decided upon the erection of new fortifications at Talcabualano and Punta Arenas.

At a secret session of the Chilean senate Tuesday the government demanded authority for the expenditure of \$15,000,000 in preparations for defense. The sitting was an exciting one. It was finally decided to authorize the floating of a loan for the purpose.

According to the Diario and the Conmeo, Argentina, for her part, in view of the new naval acquisition by Chili, has decided upon the construction in Italy of two warships of 8,000 tons, to be ready by the end of 1902. A dispatch from Santiago de Chili says Prime Minister Tocornal, replying to an interpellation in the chamber of deputies, said the statement that a new agreement between Argentina and Chili already had been signed, was premature, but that a communication had been forwarded.

A dispatch from Santiago de Chili says that after a fresh conference held Wednesday evening between President Riesco, Foreign Minister Yanez and Senor Portela, the Argentine minister, the new agreement was signed, the latest modifications to the former proposals being accepted.

The government officially confirms the statement that the new agreement has been signed, putting an end to the conflict between the two nations.

FED THE POOR.

Substantial Dinners Served to the Needy of New York City.

New York, Dec. 26.—Public and private charity gave happiness to thousands of persons in this city Christmas, while in the outlying districts, where the wealthy have their country seats, the poor were better cared for and made happier than ever before.

The feature of the day was the organized work of the Salvation army. By means of a fund raised by that organization 3,000 persons sat down Wednesday evening to a substantial dinner in Madison Square garden, while earlier in the day 3,400 baskets, each containing a complete dinner, were distributed at the garden. These baskets are estimated to have contained food for 20,000 persons.

At the Bowery mission nearly 10,000 men and boys were fed and entertained.

A NEW BURGH CORPS.

Great Interest Aroused Among the Surrendered Burghers.

Pretoria, Dec. 26.—The formation of a new Burgh corps to be known as national scouts has aroused great interest among the surrendered burghers. In view of numerous meetings and applications Gen. Lord Kitchener has authorized the creation of fresh wings to operate in the southern and eastern Transvaal under prominent Boer leaders elected by the burghers themselves.

It is stated that much of the recent success of the British is due to the co-operation of Ceiller's and Cronje's commands, acting under Gen. Bruce Hamilton.

Gifts to the Poor.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 26.—The folks of Birmingham presented the poor people of this city with a Christmas tree loaded with gifts Wednesday night, and 2,000 children took part in the festivities. Every poor child or woman who went to the theater, where the celebration took place, was given a silver quarter as a present.

A Mule's Costly Dinner.

Carbondale, Pa., Dec. 26.—"Dan," a favorite mine mule, was caught devouring the last of a roll of bills amounting to \$727. He has shown no signs of indigestion since his expensive feast. In fact, his appetite seems to be improved, and later he ate a driver boy's cap, parts of two pick handles, a gum shoe and a plug of tobacco.

Entire Block Threatened.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 25.—Fire that started in Jackson Bros.' furniture store in the heart of the city threatens the entire block and may spread further. Loss is estimated at over \$100,000.

Texas Minister Murdered.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 26.—Rev. J. H. McClinton, living near Deport, was called to his door at an early hour Wednesday morning and shot to death by a crowd of men. He claimed to have recognized some of them and gave their names to officers before dying.

Will Invite Foreign Warships.

London, Dec. 26.—The Standard hears that an important feature of the coronation ceremonies will be a naval review at Spit Head on an unprecedentedly large scale, to which foreign warships will be invited.

TO EVEN UP WAGES.

Salaries of Trainmen on Big Railroad Systems to Be Raised.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—At a special meeting of the General Managers' association held here Tuesday a movement was started which may result in a general increase in the wages of trainmen, enginemen, firemen and switchmen on all big railroad systems, east of Chicago.

The meeting was called at the request of the Pennsylvania Co., the causes being the coal shortage in Chicago and other cities, shortage of cars and power and the congested condition of traffic in general. The coal situation, however, was the moving cause for the meeting, and a discussion regarding it led to a canvass of the entire situation.

In the opinion of a majority of the general managers the general congestion is due in a measure to inefficiency of the service rendered by employees, and this view led into a discussion of the labor and wage situation from a railroad standpoint. Although no formal resolution was passed upon the subject, it was generally agreed that a raise in the wages of employees would do much toward stimulating them to better work, which in turn would help relieve congested conditions as well as to prevent them.

Attention was called to the fact that wages of operating employees of railroads are from 10 to 15 per cent. higher, taking the average as a whole, west of Chicago than they are east.

The inequality is due to conditions in the early days of railroading, when it cost a great deal more to live in the west than it did in the east and when railroading west of Chicago meant taking big chances. The general managers of Chicago are of the opinion that now is the time to make a concerted action to even up wages all over the country.

Should this be brought about, several hundred thousand men will be granted increases, and the pay rolls of the eastern roads, taken as a whole, will be increased several million dollars.

ISLAND OF BOHOL.

All the Filipino Chiefs Surrender to the American Forces.

Manila, Dec. 25.—The Filipino Gen. Samson and all the other insurgent chiefs on the island of Bohol have surrendered, with 28 cannon and 45 guns. During an engagement in Batangas province between the insurgents and a detachment of the 21st infantry, under Lieut. Edgar T. Conley, one American private was badly wounded. A number of the enemy were killed.

The military prison at Subig bay has been re-established. A large number of Filipinos captured in Laguna and Batangas province have been sent there.

The column under Col. Dougherty is making a clean sweep of Laguna province, burning all the insurgent barracks that are found and a number of small native hamlets. Col. Dougherty has taken many prisoners and the insurgent loss of life during his operations has been heavy.

OF BLOOD POISONING.

Jas. Hicks, Prominent Cincinnati Iron Manufacturer, Dies in New York.

New York, Dec. 25.—James Hicks, a prominent iron manufacturer of Cincinnati, O., died in the Waldorf-Astoria Tuesday of blood-poisoning. A few days ago he was licking an envelope, when the sharp edge of the paper cut his lip and blood-poisoning set in. Mr. Hicks was prominently identified with the Cincinnati Corrugated Iron Co. and the Piqua rolling mills. His widow, who is a daughter of ex-Mayor Thomas, of Cincinnati, arrived in this city Tuesday evening and will accompany the body back to Cincinnati, where the burial will take place.

FOR MUTUAL PROTECTION.

Efforts Being Made to Organize the Furniture Manufacturers.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 25.—An effort is being made to form a national organization of furniture manufacturers. J. Newton Nind, of Chicago, and C. C. Loring, of Boston, promoters, met a number of local furniture men at the Denison hotel Tuesday night and explained the project to them. The idea, it is explained, is to organize for "mutual protection," not to raise prices. Messrs. Nind and Loring are visiting the manufacturers throughout the country and it is thought likely that an organization will be perfected soon. The feeling here is favorable to organization.

The Robbers Identified.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 25.—Gordon Atkinson and Frank Thompson were arrested late Tuesday night at Scott, Putnam county, charged with holding up and robbing Postmaster Conly here Monday night. Deputy United States Marshal Dan Cunningham made the arrest after an exciting encounter with the men. The postmaster identified the robbers.

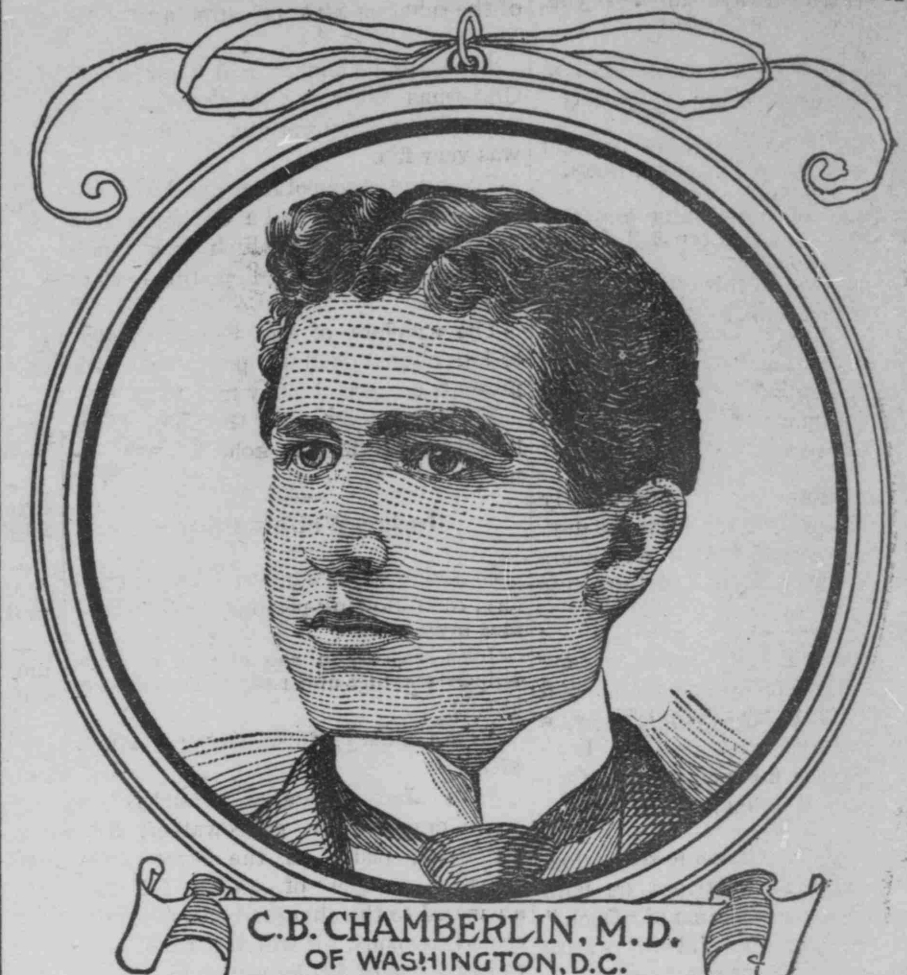
Greetings to the Pope.

Rome, Dec. 25.—The pope has received 3,000 telegrams and 6,000 messages of greeting, many of them from America. He has received innumerable presents, mostly eatables, which he has distributed to the people through the court charities.

Died of Apoplexy.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 25.—A. M. Lea, of Vicksburg, district attorney of the Southern Mississippi district, and one of the most prominent republicans in the state, died here Tuesday night of apoplexy. He was 50 years of age.

PROMINENT PHYSICIANS USE AND ENDORSE PE-RU-NA.



C. B. Chamberlin, M. D., writes from 14th and P. Sts., Washington, D. C.

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Medical Examiner U. S. Treasury.

Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, Medical Examiner of U. S. Treasury Department, graduate of Columbia College, and who served three years at West Point, has the following to say of Peruna:

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DR. LLEWELLYN JORDAN.

Geo. C. Havener, M. D., of Anacostia, D. C., writes:

The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.: Gentlemen—"In my practice I have had occasion to frequently prescribe your valuable medicine, and have found its use beneficial, especially in cases of catarrh."

GEORGE C. HAVENER, M. D.

Dr. L. S. Smith, of Williston, Fla., writes:

"I have found Peruna a most valuable remedy for chronic catarrh of the head,

throat, lungs and bronchial tubes, in fact, no matter where located.

"Few people realize that most sicknesses start from colds which develop into different affections and finally become chronic, settling often on the lungs and frequently causing serious trouble in the pelvic organs, while in women it develops into diseases peculiar to the sex."

"From my experience with Peruna I have found it very efficacious to cure these diseases, and I recommend it."

L. S. SMITH, M. D.

Dr. Mary Smith, Winfield, Ind., writes:

"A weak and sick woman must not expect to bear well children. For over 31 years my efforts have been spent among sick women especially, and among all the remedies I have used, none excel Peruna, and I believe that it is the best and safest medicine to give a woman suffering from ovarian trouble, inflammation, and profuse menstruation."

"I would not be doing my duty as a physician did I not advise its use. I know by experience that Peruna cures sick women, and I therefore gladly endorse it."

If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

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AT A DUNKER MEETING.

Picturesque Services of an Aesthetic Sect Described by an Eyewitness.

At one side, at the long tables, sit the sisters, their white prayer coverings showing full against the general gloom, their mild, serious faces turned toward the preachers, and on every hand hang their black bonnets—sombre draperies added to the sombre scene. At the other side are the brethren, long-bearded, long-haired men with solemn faces, and along every low-lying beam stretch row on row of great hats, their crowns rising like a series of monuments to the doctrine of humility. On the platform are the preachers—a line of them—most of them old and white, says an exchange.

The few flickering lights throw strange shadows everywhere, and now and then bring into relief the black forms of the unregenerate in the half-faded mows at either end. From the stables below come the sound of cattle stirring restlessly in their straw bedding, the half-suppressed bleat of a lamb, the cluck of a nervous hen. Back of it all, a pushing, vulgar mass, crowding at the wide doors, stares in at the company—the sightseers from the neighboring villages, arrayed in bonnets gay with paper flowers of every hue, bright dresses, or the terrible productions of the "fashionable tailor" or the "gents' furnisher" of the country town.

New Kind of Tiptoe.

Farmers about Cortland, N. Y., a prohibition district, were puzzled to find that their hands got drunk without any visible liquor supply. They finally discovered that the employees had tapped the silo for the juice of the green cornstalks, which, fermented, makes a liquor that is pleasant, but most terrible.

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